GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:281
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PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;P. RAJENDRAN

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received proposals from the State Governments for the enhancement of funds and change of norms under the Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter;

(d) whether weightage is being given to unconnected areas of the States that are contributing high percentage of cess;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the target fixed for the construction of roads during the 10th Plan under the scheme; and

(g) the amount assessed to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in Reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.281 admitted for Answer on 11th March, 2003

(a) to (e) Requests have been received from the State Governments of Kerala and Tamil Nadu for increasing the annual allocation under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) to Rs.150.00 crore and Rs.270.00 crore respectively. State Governments of Haryana, Punjab and Kerala are of the opinion that in view of their higher contribution towards Diesel cess, their present allocation requires to be suitably enhanced. The present allocation among States is based on a weightage of 75% for Need (share of Unconnected Habitations in the total Unconnected Habitations of the country) and 25% on Coverage (share of connected Habitations in the total connected Habitations of the country). No change in the norms of allocation is contemplated.

(f) & (g) The objective of the PMGSY is to provide connectivity to about 1.60 lakh Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas with a population of more than 500 persons, through good all weather roads by the end of the 10th Plan Period (2007) at an estimated investment of about Rs.60,000 crore. All States have been asked to identify the eligible Habitations and prepare the Core Networks from which an accurate estimate can be made of requirement of funds.